

REMARKS

Applicants have studied the Office Action dated August 3, 2004 and have made amendments to the claims. It is submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. By virtue of this amendment, claims 1-15 are pending. Claims 1, 3-5, 7, and 9 have been amended, and new claims 10-15 have been added. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants have amended claim 1 in light of the specific comments of the Examiner, and submit that all pending claims are now clear and definite. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, should be withdrawn.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 4-9 are allowable over the art of record. Claims 4, 5, 7, and 9 have been amended for clarity. It is respectfully submitted that claims 4-9 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 10-15 have been added by this amendment, and are provided to further define the invention disclosed in the specification. Claims 10-15 are allowable for at least the reasons that claims 1-9 are allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and the claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (561) 989-9811 should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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